EPISODE 19
'THOMAS' FROSTY FRIEND'

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SCENE 1. EXT. MONTAGE SEQUENCE – DAY	STORYTELLER
Countryside Runby. Tunnel. Gordon's Hill. Snow covered Sodor. PERCY pulls the mail train, GORDON the Express, packed with visitors, and THOMAS back and forth with trucks.	The winter holiday season is a very busy time on the Island of Sodor. Percy has more mail to deliver… Gordon has more visitors aboard his Express… And Thomas has very important jobs!
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SCENE 2. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBYS – DAY.	
It is very windy. THOMAS puffs hard as snow is blown into his face.	One morning, Thomas had to go to Brendham Docks. A strong wind was blowing. It swirled and whirled snow into his face. "I must pick up the timber to repair Farmer McColl's barn!" he puffed.
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SCENE 3. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBY - DAY.	
THOMAS puffs up to a signal. PERCY is waiting on the down line. Behind the CHILDREN and out of sight	When Thomas arrived at the signal, Percy was waiting. He was very excited. "Look who's there, Thomas!" peeped Percy. Thomas looked. A giant snowman ws dancing high above a group of children! They laughed and waved at their new friend! "I've never seen such a big snowman!"

of the ENGINES, MEN are tethering the balloon to the ground with a big rope – despite the high wind. The SNOWMAN has a big cheery smile, a button black nose and a bright red hat. He also has a scarf and shiny black buttons.	peeped Percy. "I've never seen the children so happy!" tooted Thomas.
The SNOWMAN is bouncing around vigorously in the wind.	Suddenly, Percy was worried. "I hope their Frosty Friend is not trying to get away." "I'm sure he won't leave the children," chuffed Thomas.
The signal changes to green.	The signal changed to green. And Thomas steamed away. Suddenly…a strong gust of wind lifted the Snowman off the ground…away from the children. It followed after Thomas!
The SNOWMAN balloon lifts off the ground in the wind and the loop of its rope attaches itself to THOMAS' hook. <u>He is unaware of this/cannot see it happen.</u> THOMAS puffs hard against the snow/wind. The SNOWMAN balloon floats above him in the wind – behind his eye line.	Thomas didn't know that the snowman was a *giant balloon*. And he didn't see the big rope blow onto the hook at the back of his buffers… And get caught there!
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SCENE 4. EXT. COUNTRYSIDE RUNBY - DAY.	
THOMAS stops at the signal.	Thomas stopped at the signal. Wind buffeted his buffers. Suddenly, the children's' Frosty Friend was there in front of him. Thomas *was* surprised. "What are you doing here, Mr. Snowman?" cried Thomas. Mr. Snowman said nothing! "You must go back to the children!"

	tooted Thomas. "They'll be very sad without you!" But the snowman *didn't* go back.
The signal changed to green. THOMAS speeds away.	Thomas raced from the signal as fast as he could. "I'm sure Mr. Snowman won't be able to follow me now!" puffed Thomas.
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SCENE 5. EXT. BRENDHAM DOCKS – DAY.	
THOMAS puffs in slowly. JAMES is there delivering coal trucks.	Thomas arrived at Brendham Docks. Three heavy trucks of timber were waiting for him. James was there delivering coal. "You don't look happy, Thomas," snorted James. "What's the matter?"
The SNOWMAN balloon appears in front of THOMAS.	Thomas wasn't listening. There was Mr. Snowman again! Thomas felt silly. He couldn't tell James that the children's Frosty Friend was following him!
THOMAS steams off quickly. JAMES watches him go.	So, Thomas steamed off as quickly as he could. Only one of his trucks was coupled up! "Thomas!" called James. "Why do you have a giant balloon tied to your hook?" But Thomas didn't hear.
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SCENE 6. EXT. FARMER MCCOLL'S FARM – DAY.	
THOMAS screeches to a halt. FARMER MCCOLL is waiting.	Farmer McColl was waiting on the platform. Thomas wheeshed to a halt. "Where is the rest of my timber?" asked Farmer McColl. "I'm sorry, Farmer McColl…" Thomas began.